

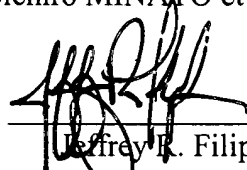
Remarks

Prior to an examination of the present application, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

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